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Applicant: Thomas J. Pavela Examiner: Ted T. Vo
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application. Amended paragraphs are presented in "clean" form with marked-up versions provided in the Appendix.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace lines 7-9, as follows:

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Application Serial No. 09/222,267, entitled "GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE FOR DEVELOPING TEST CASES USING A TEST OBJECT LIBRARY," filed on same date herewith, by Thomas J. Pavela, attorney's docket number ST9-98-108.

On page 1, please replace lines 22-28, as follows:

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The past two decades have seen a rapid proliferation of computer application programs. To be competitive, software applications must be responsible to customer's rapidly evolving needs, and must be as bug-free as possible. One method of assuring